

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests consideration and allowance of the elected claims. Claims 1-52 are canceled without prejudice, leaving claims 53-88 unchanged and pending.

Election/Restriction

The claims are subjected to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing two patentably distinct inventions:

- I. Claims 4-52, 87, and 88, drawn to an input text display, classified in class 715, subclass 536. It is believed that the Office also intended to include claims 1-3 in this Group I, as claims 4-28 depend directly or indirectly from base claim 1.
- II. Claims 53-88, drawn to a natural language interface, classified in class 704, subclass 9.

Applicant elects to pursue Group II, claims 53-88. The claims in groups I (claims 1-52) are canceled to facilitate prompt allowance of the pending application. Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims in a divisional application.

Conclusion

All pending claims 53-88 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests consideration and prompt allowance of the subject application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Date: July 23, 2004

By: 

Lewis C. Lee
Lee & Hayes, PLLC
Reg. No. 34,656
(509) 324-9256 ext. 211